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SENATOR WHITNEY: I'll have to object and I'll tell you why, because I would like to explain first line or my amendment before we take up 984 because I think that the two are very much related. If I could just explain this I would be happy and I would not ask then that the amendment be passed.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me just a moment. Senator Carpenter, just a moment. Senator Whitney would your explanation be lengthy?

SENATOR WHITNEY: It would probably take two and a half minutes.

PRESIDENT: OK, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'm dedicated to making everybody happy. If Senator Whitney will feel better, I think that we ought to give him whatever time is necessary. Take that one amendment and dispose of it one way or the other and then go back to General File and take up Senator Waldron's 984. I think that would be desirable. Alright, that may remove the objection.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, are you objecting to the order here? Thank you. Senator Whitney back to you just for a minute for a question. Then is it the Chair's understanding that it is OK to pass 997 for now, we will take up 327 then you will be given the chance to explain an amendment to 984 your amendment before we take up 984.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I would rather take up the amendment right now since.....

PRESIDENT: OK.

SENATOR WHITNEY: I....

PRESIDENT: Wait a minute, wait a minute.

CLERK: Read that it was set out in full on page 626 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, since we have amended this to the unanimous consent to allow to take up this one motion then I'm going to object to the unanimous consent that we would lay this bill over after this, and I would explain why. The issue in the amendment before us is something that has come up in the appropriations committee. I'm not sure what we can come out with a decision which might be the same or different than Senator Whitney's amendment, and I would hope that the appropriations committee could make this decision possibly this afternoon and it would affect all of the budget bills and not just this one. It is...there is more than just this one bill on the floor in this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson, let's make sure that we are on the same wave lengths, it is the Chair's understanding according to Senator Carpenter's motion asking unanimous consent to just by-pass 997 right now. Take up 327 and then 984 and then go back to 997 if time permits I presume today, but in other words that was to only lay it over. Senator Whitney objected so on that basis he is asking only to explain his amendment to, I believe 997 and with that explanation we would